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REMARKS

The present Amendment is intended to be fully responsive to the Office Action having a mailing date of July 23, 2004 wherein claims 49, 51-54, 56, 58 and 59 are rejected; claims 29-31, 33-48 and 60-62 are allowed; and 55 and 57 are objected to as being allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for the claims which have been designated as allowable or allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of the respective base claims. By this Amendment, claim 49 has been amended, claim 63 has been added, and claims 55 and 57 have been cancelled. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by this Amendment and the support for the claims as amended may be found throughout the Specification and drawings.

35 U.S.C. § 102**Claim Rejections Using *Brooks et al.***

Claims 49, 51 and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by *Brooks et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 2,989,156.

Applicant has amended claim 49 to include the limitations of now cancelled claim 55, which the Examiner has indicated as allowable. Therefore, claim 49, and the claims depending therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections Using *Sextl et al.*

Claims 49, 51 and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Sextl et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,316,816.

Applicant has amended claim 49 to include the limitations of now cancelled claim 55, which the Examiner has indicated as allowable. Therefore, claim 49, and the claims depending therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections Using *Kawaski et al.*

Claims 49, 51, 53, 54, 56, 58 and 59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Kawaski et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 4,669,632.

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Applicant has amended claim 49 to include the limitations of now cancelled claim 55, which the Examiner has indicated as allowable. Therefore, claim 49, and the claims depending therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim Rejections Using *Brooks et al.* or *Sextl et al.* In View of *Jackson*

Claims 53, 54, 58 and 59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over either *Brooks et al.* or *Sextl et al.* in view of *Jackson*, U.S. Patent No. 3,302,358.

Applicant has amended claim 49 to include the limitations of now cancelled claim 55, which the Examiner has indicated as allowable. Therefore, claim 49, and the claims depending therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections Using *Sextl et al.* or *Brook et al.* In View of *Steck et al.*

Claim 56 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over either *Sextl et al.* or *Brook et al.* in view of *Steck et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 3,041,219.

Applicant has amended claim 49 to include the limitations of now cancelled claim 55, which the Examiner has indicated as allowable. Therefore, claim 49, and the claims depending therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this Application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this Application be passed to issue. It is believed that any additional fees due with respect to this paper are identified in the accompanying transmittal.


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However, if any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this paper, permission is given to charge account number 18-0013 in the name of Rader, Fishman & Grauer PLLC.

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